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Thank you from Mayor to Chief.

Update from Chief:

- Truck ran through static point on perimeter and ran through police car. No injuries but damage to police cruiser.
- Work that we have avoided this violence until today due to work of all City staff and partners.
- Massively successful operation to date, 2 weeks, 6 months in planning that we prepped for in two days.
- 10,000s people with an array of interests who descended on nations capital and used Freedom Convoy to convey their messages.
- No injuries or major crimes to date; single digit in number.
- No terrorism (lone wolf or collective).
- Due to our city, residents, businesses, leaders, police and partners.
- Risk to escalation has been high all weekend.
- Massive risk implications in short, medium and long term of intervention, esp risk of physical conflict that will ripple across the country.
- Demonstrators are using radios and social media to communicate.
- 100% of resources tied up with demo downtown or providing emergency services to rest of city; members are stretched and tired before and are more now, same with citizens and businesses and with demonstrators. Patience is low and everyone is looking for confrontation.
- Trying to bleed off resources as we can to address businesses, hotels, etc. including NRTs in the Golden Triangle.
- 4 days in, no injuries, one arrest, no injuries and no deaths, several criminal charges, no prohibition of emergency vehicles in getting where they need to go (misinformation).
- There are delays and gaps in service and all based in pressures faced in the moment at demonstrations. Traffic and gridlock, noise.
- Transitioning from demonstration to occupation despite negotiations ongoing since last Tuesday.
- Despite this, move to leave has stopped. We are pivoting plans as a result.
- Four priorities: ongoing public order management of demonstration; look at this as a long term occupation (two primary footprints); police to move occupiers / demonstrators (getting resources and legal framework to do this) and trucks.. every scenario points to massive risk and escalation; injunction led through the City that will still require a police intervention and seizing of property.
- Have RCMP – 3 tactical troops or 150 officers, PPS focused on Parliament; OPP (50+); TPS; LPS; York; Durham.. Losing London and Durham today but Peel and Hamilton are coming to replace capabilities.
- Looking at occupation plan – will be long term and nothing further on this today.
- Phone call with OPP and RCMP to get more resources today at 1PM that we can leverage.
- Have had as many as 1000 police at points in time. Those indicating police are in cahoots with demonstrators are not helping and are hurting.
- Need political amping up to assist.
- Global issue, public safety issue and policing issue (cannot sustain or take for granted).
- Three of four SJAM lanes are opening up and some drivers asking to leave. SGE now all open.

Steve K and Kim Ayotte Update:

- One of the best executed operational plans in communication and coordination.
- Critical operational risks and considerations being taken, and appreciative of what Chief has said.
- City verified that no record of trauma case where someone died, though one case of ambulance being delayed.
- EOC is fully activated, and can hold a leadership meeting if needed. Updates to date have been electronic thus far.
- Public works, paramedics, fire doing great work and embedded with police teams.
- Cannot let Twitter guide our decisions.

Questions:

1. What happened to individual who rammed cruiser?
2. Can we stop fuel flow?
 - a. Doing what we can but it is difficult to slow spread across such a large area.
3. Fleury: Feeling pressure from businesses and citizens – caution on how we say no incidents – understand why but privy to word of incidents in real time and many citizens feel as though they are being held hostage. Blocking of roads beyond the Hill – impact to business, buses, livability. Is there a strategy to bring folks to an area / when can we expect to hear from national security authorities? Where are they?
 - b. There will continue to be delays and gaps until we can proceed. Incidents in normal sense have been unaddressed and have physical, financial, mental implications. Will consider whether this area should be included in the footprint moving forward but will do our best to consider information in real time.
4. McKenney: Range of emotions and gutted. Appreciate everyone doing their best. Are you considering doing a daily press briefing? Residents need to hear information we have heard today and about occupation and heightened level of risk being faced. Will help residents understand what the City is up against. Feedback and frustration is increasing and don't feel that there is a response for our residents who live here and are we considering a state of emergency / public briefings so that people know what is up.
 - c. Everything we said was going to happen has happened. Have been posting regular media briefings and social media updates but often until disruption comes people do not take seriously. Will change communication and operations to do some of what is requested. Have done multiple local, provincial, national media. Have reached out to the City and have a 2 PM briefing to pivot the signal change. Pivot is happening. Support of council and the Board in action and on Twitter is helpful to show a united front.
5. McKenney: Will you indicate we have moved from protest to occupation? Plan for residential areas?
 - d. Yes and yes. Need to determine resources and what option we go with. Have made a commitment to move resources away from core demonstration to address priority of residences and business. Hotels, customer service high touch for residents.
6. Luloff: When do we know when to invoke a state of emergency?
 - e. Infringing on this if we need more resources than what we currently have, but does indicate to the public that this is getting more serious and all hands are on deck. Will consider and may make recommendation to the Mayors office.
7. Menard: Curious on why certain behaviours are being allowed to continue. Not peaceful, need to move on from that language. Want services to be maintained and acts of hatred to be addressed. Residents should not feel intimidated. By law services should continue.
 - f. Peaceful demonstrations dependent on experience and perspective. Has never been consideration that we would need to cordoned off cenotaph or memorial. Not a good use of resources nor ever considered. Have been clear in messaging and there is debate across groups and polarized. We have been clear in our messaging of what we are doing,

responding, what is acceptable or not. Happy to assist in any other ways to support wards. We understand and do not like this either. We are committed to helping. Officers posing in images is unacceptable and are following up.